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SUBJECT: UNHCR ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN VIETNAM

1. AMBASSADOR OF REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM IN GENEVA LE VAN LOI INFORMED MISSION IN CONFIDENCE THAT ON OCTOBER 23 HE TRANSMITTED TO UNHCR THE RVN OBJECTIONS TO UNHCR'S RELIEF OPERATIONS IN VIETNAM. PARTICULAR OBJECTION IS TO UNHCR'S ANNOUNCED ASSISTANCE TO PEOPLE IN "ZONES CONTROLLED BY THE PRG." RVN INFORMED UNHCR THERE ARE NO AREAS IN SOUTH VIETNAM UNDER CONTROL OF SO-CALLED PRG BUT THAT SOME AREAS CONTINUE TO BE ILLEGALLY OCCUPIED BY NORTH VIETNAM.

2. RVN NOTE TO UNHCR BEGINS WITH A REVIEW OF DISCUSSIONS HELD ON SUBJECT BETWEEN RVN AND UNHCR REPS, FOLLOWED BY SPECIFIC RVN OBJECTIONS WHICH ARE QUOTED BELOW: QUOTE

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM DEEMS IT NECESSARY AT THIS STAGE, TO BRING TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE UNHCR ITS SERIOUS OBJECTIONS ON THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

1. THE UNHCR SHOULD NOT LEND ITS NAME AND ITS HUMANITARIAN MISSION TO HELP THE NORTH VIETNAMESE AGGRESSORS TO
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OBTAIN FROM AN UNITED NATIONS ORGAN THE DE FACTO RECOGNITION OF THEIR ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM'S

TERRITORIES AND THEREBY IMPLICITLY ENCOURAGE THE AGGRESSORS TO PERSIST IN VIOLATING THE PARIS AGREEMENT, TO ENGAGE IN FURTHER LAND GRABBING AND TO STEP UP THEIR KILLING OF SOUTH VIETNAMESE CITIZENS; ALL THAT WOULD TURN AGAINST THE HUMANITARIAN AIMS OF THE UNHCR.

2. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM FINDS IT UNACCEPTABLE THE UNHCR'S ASSERTION THAT THERE ARE "ZONES UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE "PRG" IN SOUTH VIETNAM.

THIS IS CONTRARY TO THE 1954 GENEVA AGREEMENT ON INDOCHINA AND TO THE 1973 PARIS AGREEMENT ON VIETNAM, AND INCONSISTENT WITH THE REALITIES ON THE TERRAIN:

A) PENDING RE-UNIFICATION OF VIETNAM, THE BORDERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM HAVE BEEN DETERMINED BY THE GENEVA AGREEMENT OF 1954 AS STRETCHING FROM THE 17TH PARALLEL TO THE CA MAU PENINSULA. THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM ENCOMPASSES THE INTEGRITY OF LAND, AIR SPACE AND TERRITORIAL WATERS OF THE SOUTH VIETNAM TERRITORY.

B) WITHIN THAT TERRITORY THERE ARE AREAS ILLEGALLY OCCUPIED BY NORTH VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST TROOPS. BUT THIS TEMPORARY MILITARY STATIONING DOES NOT CONFER SOVEREIGNTY TO THE NORTH VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST, AND MUCH LESS TO THE SO-CALLED "PRG" WHICH WAS DESIGNED BY HANOI TO PROVIDE THE FACADE OF A SEPARATE INDEPENDENT ENTITY TO COVER UP THEIR AGGRESSION.

C) ACCORDING TO THE PARIS PEACE AGREEMENT, ALL FOREIGN TROOPS SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN. THEY ARE NOT ALLOWED TO OCCUPY ANY TERRITORY. TWENTY MONTHS AFTER THEIR PARIS AGREEMENT, THE PRESENCE OF NORTH VIETNAMESE TROOPS AND THEIR OCCUPATION OF SOUTH VIETNAMESE TERRITORIES ARE ILLEGAL.

D) ACCORDING TO THE PARIS AGREEMENT (CHAPTER IV), THE COMMUNIST SIDE IN SOUTH VIETNAM, I.E., THE VIETCONG SHOULD JOIN THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE TO ELECT ONE GOVERNMENT FOR SOUTH VIETNAM. THE PARIS AGREEMENT HAS NOT SET UP AND IS NOT WITHIN ITS POWER TO SET UP THE "PRG" OR ANY ENTITY OTHER THAN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AS A LEGAL GOVERNMENT IN SOUTH VIETNAM. THE PARIS AGREEMENT HAS NOT EITHER CHANGED AND IT IS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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NOT WITHIN ITS POWER TO CHANGE THE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL CHARACTER OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. THE UNHCR'S REFERENCE TO THE SO-CALLED "PRG" AND THEIR "ZONES" CONSTITUTES THEREFORE A SERIOUS INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AND A SEVERE ENCROACHMENT ON ITS SOVEREIGNTY.

3. TO BE REALLY OPERATIONAL, THE UNHCR SHOULD TAKE STOCK OF THE GENERAL SITUATION IN VIETNAM 21 MONTHS AFTER THE SIGNING OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT AND

SHOULD OBJECTIVELY MAKE UP-TO-DATE ASSESSMENTS OF THE REALITIES OF THE TERRAIN BEFORE EMBARKING ON EACH "PRECISE PROJECT".

WHILE ALL THE ARMED FORCES OF THE NATIONS ALLIED TO THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM WERE WITHDRAWN WITHIN THE TIME LIMIT PRESCRIBED BY THE PARIS AGREEMENT? THE HANOI AUTHORITIES NOT ONLY, HAVE FAILED TO WITHDRAW 300,000 TROOPS STATIONED ILLEGALLY IN SOUTH VIETNAM WHEN THE CEASE-FIRE WENT INTO EFFECT, BUT HAVE INFILTRATED ADDITIONAL 270,000 FRESH TROOPS AND CADRES IN REINFORCEMENT, TOGETHER WITH UNPRECEDENTED LARGE QUANTITIES OF LATEST MODEL AND HIGHLY SOPHISTICATED ANTI-PERSONNEL WEAPONS: 700 TANKS, 600 PEICES OF HEAVY ARTILLERY, 40 SAM-2 WITH THEIR LAUNCHING PADS....THE COMMUNISTS HAVE PERPETRATED MORE THAN 60,000 MILITARY VIOLATIONS AMONG THEM 8,400 LARGE-SCALE OFFENSIVES 29,700 INDISCRIMINATE ROCKET SHELLINGS AND 15,000 OTHER GROUND ATTACKS WHICH HAVE CAUSED AMONG THE CIVILIAN POPULATION 15,626 KILLED AND WOUNDED. AS A RESULT OF THE STEPPED UP HANOI AGGRESSIVE OPERATIONS, 443,000 SOUTH VIETNAMESE CITIZENS HAD TO LEAVE THEIR NORMAL LIFE AND HOME TO FLEE THE AGGRESSORS SINCE JAMUARY 1973, BESIDES THE 730,000 OTHER DISPLACED PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN IN THE PROCESS OF BEING RESETTLED.

OVER THE LAST 10 YEARS THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM HAD RESETTLED MORE THAN 7 MILLIONS REFUGEES WHO FLED THE COMMUNIST AGGRESSORS' MANY UNSUCCESSFUL OFFENSIVES. IN A TASK OF THIS MAGNITUDE AS WELL AS IN OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM HAS COOPERATED WITH MORE THAN 170 INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM IS PREPARED TO CARRY OUT THE NEW PROGRAM PROVIDED THAT PROGRAM SHOULD NOT DEVIATE FROM ITS HUMANITARIAN OBJECTIVES AND BE EXPLOITED AND USED AS A PROGRAM OF ASSISTANCE TO THE COMMUNIST AGGRESSORS TO PERPETUATE THEIR ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM'S TERRITORY AND TO BECOME IMPLICITLY INSTRUMENTAL TO THE SCHEME OF HANOI AND ITS ALLIES TO DIVIDE AND CONQUER SOUTH VIETNAM BY FORCE IN VIOLATION OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS, OF THE GENEVA AGREEMENTS ON INDOCHINA AND TO THE PARIS AGREEMENTS ON VIETNAM. UNQUOTE. ABRAMS

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